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1. I DELIVERED DIPLOMATIC NOTE DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL NKWAIN PRIOR MEETING PRESIDENCY SECRETARY GENERAL EBOUA MAY 30TH. NOTE REFERS TO PREVIOUS NOTES AND CONVERSATION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND PRESIDENT ON MAY 5 (REFTEL C) AND STATES: "... THE DIPLOMATIC RELAY FACILITY IS TO BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN CAMEROON. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS IN ACCORD WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT THE STATION BE LOCATED IN YAOUNDE. FURTHERMORE, ONCE IN OPERATION, THE STATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON AT ANY TIME."

2. EBOUA WAS GIVEN COPIES OF NOTE. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF OUR POSITION ON WATTS AND SAID THAT GURC WOULD GIVE IT CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND GET BACK TO US. I ALSO BRIEFED HIM ON DEVELOPMENTS SOUTHERN AFIRCA ISSUES (BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY) AND MADE POINT THAT OUR INCREASED EMPHASIS REQUIRED OUR UPGRADING OUR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ASAP TO ENABLE US TO MORE EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT THIS
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INTEREST. POINT WAS WELL TAKEN AS HE FAVORABLY COMMENTED ON OUR ASSUMING MORE OF A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN SEEKING PEACEFUL SOLUTION THESE PROBLEMS.

3. SINCE GURC BUREAUCRACY GRINDS EXCEEDINGLY SLOW AND FINE, I SHALL NOT PUSH TOO HARD TOO QUICKLY. HOWEVER, I SHALL TAKE ADVANTAGE OPPORTUNITIES AS THEY PRESENT THEMSELVES TO

ENCOURAGE EARLY, AND HOPEFULLY, FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OUR REQUEST.

4. WITH STANLEY ROBINSON ARRIVAL, I INTEND TO FOLLOW-UP THROUGH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HAPI TINA, WHO EXPRESSED DELIGHT AT HEARING OF HIS IMPENDING ARRIVAL WHEN SO INFORMED MAY 20TH. BOTH HAVE BEEN INVITED SERAFITY DINNER-DEBATE JUNE 7TH.
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